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ARTICLES

To bee enquired of by the Churchwardens and Sidemen of euery Pariſh within the Archdeaconrie of Canterbury, whereunto by vertue of their oathes they are to make anſwere ſeuerally to euery Article, and to present the same to the Archdeacon or his Officiall.

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I.

WHether doth your Parſon, Vicar, or Curate, foure times (at the leaſt) in a yeere, teach, open, manifeſt and declare, in his or their ſermons, and other collations, and lectures, that all vſurped, and forraine power is for moſt iuſt cauſes taken away and abolished?

II.

WHether is there any within your pariſh, that hath affirmed, or doth affirme, that the forme of Gods worſhip in the Church of England, eſtabliſhed by law, and contained in the booke of common Prayer, and Adminiſtration of Sacraments, is a corrupt, ſuperſtitious, or vnlawfull worſhip, or containeth any thing in it that is repugnant to the ſcriptures, and what be their names, and ſur-names that haue ſo affirmed, or doe ſo affirme?

III.

WHether is there any within your parish, that haue, or doe affirme, that the Rites, and Ceremonies of the Church of England by law established, are wicked, Antechristian, or Superstitious, or such as being commaunded by lawfull Authoritie, men who are zealously, and godly affected, may not with any good conscience, approue them, vse them, or as occasion requireth subscribe vnto them, and who they bee?

IIII.

WHether is there any within your Parish, Minister, or other person, that doth affirme that Conuenticles are lawfull, that is, that there are within this realme other meetings, assemblies, or congregations of the Kings borne Subiects, then such as by the lawes of this Land are held or allowed, which may rightly challenge to themselues the name of true, & lawfull Churches, or that do affirme that it is lawfull for any sort of Ministers, & Ley Parsons, or any of them to ioyne together, and make rules, orders, or constitutions in causes Ecclesiasticall, without the Kings authority, & shal submit themselues to be ruled & gouerned by them, & who they be that so do affirme?

V.

WHether is their a common fame in your parish, that your Parson, or Vicar hath obtained his Benefice by Simony, or any other vnlawfull meanes?

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VI.

Whether common Prayer be said, or sung in your Church or Chappell vpon Sundayes, and Holidaies at conuenient houres, in such order as is prescribed
a in the booke of common Prayer, without either diminishing in regard of Preaching, or any other respect, or adding any thing in the manner and forme thereof?

VII.

Whether doth your Minister vpon Wednesdaies and Fridayes not being Holidayes, reade in your Church or Chappell publikely the Letany, and other
a' Praiers appointed in the said booke for those daies, and whether doth he reade the Comination against sinners as it is there prescribed?

VIII.

a. Whether the holy Sacraments bee duly administred as by the booke of common Prayer is required, and whether the holy Communion bee administred by your Minister to any but to such as kneele?

IX.

a. Whether in the administration of Baptisme, your Minister signeth the Children with the signe of the Crosse vpon the foreheads according to the booke of common Praier?

X.

Whether haue all persons within your parish of sufficient age, viz. of sixteene yeeres of age and vpward receiued the holie Communion thrice in the last yeere, and namely at Easter last for once?

XI.

Whether hath your Minister admitted to the receiuing of the holy Communion, any open, and notorious sinner, or malicious person that is notoriously knowne to be out of Charitie without due reconsiliation?

XII.

Whether hath your Minister reiected any from the Communion, who is not by publique fame or by presentment of the Churchwardens detected for a notorious fornicator, adulterer, or other wicked liuer, by whom publike offence is giuen?

XIII.

Whether hath your Minister admitted any to the receiuing of the Holy Communion that are common, and notorious deprauers of the booke of common Prayer, and administration of the Sacraments, and of the orders, rights, & ceremonies therein prescribed?

XIIII.

Whether hath your Minister admitted any to the holy Communion that are not of his owne parish?

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XV.

Whether hath your Minister admitted any person to be Godfather or Godmother to any childe, before the same person so undertaking hath receiued the holy Communion?

XVI.

Whether your Minister being Beneficed, & allowed a Preacher and residing on his Benefice doe in his owne Cure or in some other Church or Chappell neere adioyning (where no Preacher is) preach one Sermon euery Sunday of the yeere?

XVII.

Whether your Minister being Beneficed and not allowed a Preacher, doe procure Sermons to bee preached in his Cure once in euery month at the least, by lawfully licensed Preachers, and whether on such dayes as there is no preaching, hee doe reade one of the Homilies prescribed or to bee prescribed by authoritie?

XVIII.

Whether your Minister hath two Benefices, and if hee hath whether doth hee maintaine a licensed Preacher in the benefice where hee doth not reside, or doth he himselfe preach vsually at them both?

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XIX.

Whether the Curate of your Parish (if you haue any) be licensed from the Bishop, or Ordinary of the place, and whether doth he serue any more then one Church or Chappell in one day?

XX.

Whether your Minister being not a licensed Preacher, doe take vpon him to expound in his owne Cure or else where, any Scripture or matter of Doctrine?

XXI.

Whether hath any man Preached within your Church or Chappell that hath not shewed his license to Preach, and whether haue you taken the names of all such as haue Preached in your Church or Chappell, and noted them in a booke, and whether haue the same Preachers subscribed their names to the same note so taken, together with the day when they Preached, and the name of the Bishop of whom they obtayned license to Preach?

XXII.

Whether any Preacher in your Parish Church perticulerly, or namely of purpose, haue impugned, or confuted any former Doctrines there before deliuered, or in any other Church neere adioyning, whereby vpon such publike dissenting & contradicting there hath or might grow offence, and disquietnesse vnto the people?

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XXIII.

Whether your Minister before his Sermons, Lectures, or Homilies, doe obserue the order of praying set forth and commanded, in the fiue and fiftie constitution of the Cannons treated and agreed vpon in Anno Domini, one thousand fiue hundred and three?

XXIIII.

Whether there be any person within your Parish that doth refuse to haue his Childe Baptized by a Minister that is no Preacher, and to receiue the holy Communion at his hands in that respect, or in the same foresaide respect doth leaue his owne parish Church or cause his Childe, or Children to be Baptized in other Parishes abroad, and what be their names that haue offended heerein?

XXV.

Whether your Minister in reading publike Prayers, and Administration of the Sacraments, or other Rites of the Church doe were the Surplisse, and (being a Graduate) doth were vpon his Surplisse such a Hood as by order of the Vniuersitie is agreeable to his degree?

XXVI.

Whether doth your Minister vpon euery Sunday and Holiday before Euening Prayer halfe an houre at the least examine, and instruct the youth and ignorant persons of his Parish in the Ten

Commaundements, the Articles of the Beleife, & in the Lords Praier, and heare, and instruct them in the Catechisme set forth in the booke of common praier.

XXVII.

Whether doe the Maisters and Mistresses of families within your Parish, cause their Children, Seruants, and Apprentices, which haue not learned the Catechisme to come to the Church at the time appointed, and who they be which being sent wilfully refuse to come, obediently to heare, and to be ordered by the Minister.

XXVIII.

Whether haue any beene married in your Parish Church or Chappell, not hauing obtayned a facultie or license therevnto (except the banes of Matrimony haue ben three times seuerall Sundaies or holidaies first published) and whether haue any ben married in your Church or Chappell vnder the age of one and twentie yeeres, to which said Marriage the consent of Parents or gouernors hath not ben first obtained and made known to the minister that married them.

XXIX.

Whether doth your Minister visit the sicke to instruct and comfort them, being called in their distresse, and whether vpon the death of any your Parishoners there be ringing any more then one short peale, and one other before the Buriall, and one other after the Buriall.

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XXX.

Whether hath your Minister refused or delayed to christen any Child according to the forme of the booke of common Prayer, that is brought vnto him vpon Sundaies or holidayes, or to bury any corps brought to the Church or Church-yard (conuenient warning being giuen him thereof before) in such manner and forme as is prescribed in the said booke of common Prayer, and how often he hath so offended herein?

XXXI.

Whether any doe keepe their Childe or Children vnbaptized longer then is conuenient, vnlesse it bee for sicknesse of the Childe or other vrgent occasion?

XXXII.

Whether your Minister (hauing ben duely informed) of the weakenes and daunger of death of any Infant vnbaptised in his Parish, and thereupon desired to goe or come to the place where the said Infant remaineth to Baptise the same, haue wilfully refused or of grosse negligence deferred so as any such Infant by his default haue dyed vnbaptised?

XXXIII.

Whether haue you a parchment booke for the Registring of all Christnings, weddings, and Burials, and whether is the same booke safely kept in a Cofer with three locks and keyes, one remayning with the Minister & the other two with the Churchwardens

seuerally: And whether vpon euery Sabboth day immediately after morning or euening Prayer, the Minister & Churchwardens do write & record in the said booke, the names of all persons Christened, Married, and Buried in the weeke before, and the day & yeere of euery such Christning, Marriage, and Buriall: And whether haue you transmitted vnto the Ordinary a true coppie of the names of all persons Christened, Married & Buried in your said parish in this last yeer ended on the fiue & twentith day of March last past?

XXXIIII.

Whether haue you in your Church or Chappell a booke of Cannons of the last parliament in the yeer one thousand six hundred & three: and whether hath your Minister read all the same Cannons publikely in your Church or Chappell once this last yeere? 4.

XXXV.

Whether hath your Minister preached or administred the Sacraments of the Body and Bloud of our Sauiour Christ in any priuate house (except it be in times of necessity to such as are so impotent as they cannot goe to the Church, or dangerously sicke and desire to be partakers of that holy Sacrament?) n.

XXXVI.

Whether doth your Minister vsually weare a Gowne with a standing Coller, with sleeues straight at the hands, or with wide sleeues, and (being a Graduate) a Hood or Tippet of Silke, or sarcenet, and a square Cap, or being no Graduate doth weare the like 4.

like apparell (the Tippet onely excepted :) And whether doth he vsually weare in iourneieng a Cloake with sleeues, commonly called a Priest cloake, without Gardes, welts, long Buttons, or Cuts, and whether doth he were any other then a night Cap of blacke Silke, Satten or Veluet.

XXXVII.

Whether doth your Minister at any time other then for his honest necessitie, resort to any Tauerns, or Alehouses, or doth he boord or lodge in any such place, or doth he giue himselfe to any base or seruile Labour, or to Drincking, or Riot, spending his time idely by day or by night, playing at Dice, Cardes, or Tables, or any other vnlawfull game?

XXXVIII.

Whether haue you any Scholemaster in your parish that teacheth either in publike schole, or priuate house being not allowed by the Ordinary vnder his hand, & seale, & whether is he of sober & honest conuersation?

XXXIX.

Whether doth your Scholemaster teach and instruct his Schollers in the larger or shorter Catechisme by publike authoritie set forth, and bring his Schollers to Prayers and Sermons on Holidaies, and Festiuall daies, and whether doth he teach the Grammer set forth by King Henry the eight and continued in the times of King Edward the first, and Queene Elizabeth of noble memory and none other?

XL.

Whether any in your Parish doe practise Phisick, or Chirurgery, and what be their names?

XLI.

Whether haue you in your Church or Chappell a Fonte of Stone, and whether is the same set in the vsuall place, and whether be all your Bels vnbroken, and whether any of them be lately sould or Imbesseled by any?

XLII.

Whether haue you in your Church or Chappell the booke of common Prayer lately explained by his Maiesties authoritie, and whether haue you a Bible of the largest Volume, and bookes of Homilies allowed by authoritie?

XLIII.

Whether is your Communion Table kept repaired in seemely manner, couered in time of diuine Seruice with a Carpet of silke, or other decent stuffe, and with a fayre linnen cloth at the time of Administration?

XLIIII.

Whether haue you the Ten Commandements set vpon the East end of your Church or Chappell, wher the people may best see and reade the same, and whether haue you a conuenient Seate for your Minister to reade Seruice in?

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XLV.

Whether hath there growne in your Church any contention betwixt any of the parishioners touching the placing or displacing of any in any Seate or Pew in the Church, and whether there hath ben any pew builded of late in your Church or Chappell without the expresse leaue and consent of the Ordinarie of the Diocesse, and by whom hath the same ben built?

XLVI.

Whether haue you a decent Pulpit placed conueniently in your Church or Chappell, and there seemely kept for the Preaching of Gods word?

XLVII.

Whether haue you in your Church a strong Chest with a hole in the vpperpart therof, with three locks, and keyes prouided for the Almes giuen to the poore, and whether are the same keyes kept one with your Vicar, Parson, or Curate, and the other two with the Churchwardens seuerally?

XLVIII.

Whether is your Church or Chappell and Chancell well and sufficiently repayred and maintayned the windowes well glazed, the Flores well paued, and kept cleanely, and seemely as becommeth the house of God, and whether is your Parsonage or Vicaredge house kept well repayred?

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XLIX.

Whether is your Churchyard well and sufficiently Repayred, Fenced, and Maintayned with walles, Rayles, or Pales, as hath beene accustomed? 49.

L.

Whether are there any that haue heeretofore ben denounced and yet stand excommunicate that doe resort to your Church or Chappell to heare deuine Seruice and who they be? 50.

LI.

Whether haue you in your Parish any disordered persons that haue Quarrelled, Fought or Brawled in your Church, Chappell, or Churchyard, and what be their names? 51.

LII.

Whether haue you any Plaies, Feasts, Banquets, Suppers, Churchales, Drinkings, temporal courts, Leets, lay Juries, Musters, or any other prophane vsage, kept in your Church or Chappell, or Churchyard, or haue any Superstitious ringing of Bells vpon Holidayes or Eues? 52.

LIII.

Whether haue your Churchwardens of the last yeer giuen vp a iust accompt before the Minister, & parishioners of such mony as they haue receiued, & how perticularly they haue bestowed the same, & whether (if any

any money remained in their hands vpon the same their accompts) haue they deliuered ouer the same vnto you the next Churchwarden by bill indented?

LIIII.

Whether haue you in your Church or Chappell a Table of degrees of Marriages forbidden, set forth by authoritie in the yeere of our Lord God one thousand fiue hundred three score and three, and whether is the same Table hanged in a conuenient place in your said Church or Chappell?

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Whether any persons haue beene married (within your Church or Chappell, or in other places, and now dwell in your said parish) within degrees forbidden in the Table aforesaid, or that being Deuorced or Seperated for the same do yet notwithstanding cohabite and keepe company still together, and what they be?

LVI.

Whether haue you in your Parish any persons that being Married within those degrees forbidden haue vnlawfully forsaken their Wiues, or Husbands and married others, and who they be?

LVII.

Whether haue any in your said Parish offended their brethren by Adultery, Whoredome, Incest, or Drunkennesse, or by Blasphemie, Swearing, Ribaldrie, Vsury, or any other vncleannesse, & wickednesse of life, & who they be that haue offended, & with whom?

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And whether hath your Minister admitted any such offendors to the holy Communion before they are reformed?

LVIII.

Whether haue you any in your Parish which be commonly noted to be Malicious, Contentious, Uncharitable persons, Raylers, Scolders or sowers of Discord betweene Neighbours, and especally Railers against Ministers, and their Marriages, and what be their names?

LIX.

Whether doe you know any within your Parish or els where that is a hinderer of the word of God to be read or sincerely Preached, or a fauorer of any vsurped or forraine power, or defender of Popish and erronius Doctrine, and what be their names?

LX.

Whether are there any in your Parish which behaue themselues rudely, or disorderly in the Church, or which by vntimely ringing of Bels, by Walking, Talking, or otherwise shall hinder or disturbe the Minister or Preacher.

LXI.

Whether haue you a comely Pulpit cloth or Cushion of Silke or such like instead thereof, a Communion Cup of Siluer, and a comely large Surplisse with wide sleeues for your Minister to weare?

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LXII.

Whether there be any Preaching, reading of Lectures, Expounding of the Scriptures, Catechising, or other like exercises in priuate places, or families, or administring of either of the Sacraments, whereto others not of the same family doe resort, and what they be that maintaine such meetings, and who resort to their houses?

LXIII.

Whether there be any in your Parish that are noted, knowne, or suspected, to conceale or keepe hidden any Masselbookes, Portesses, Breuiaries, or other bookes of Popery, and Superstition, or any Chalices, Copes, or other Vestments, or ornaments of Superstition, vncancelled and vndefaced which is to be coniectured they keepe for a day as they call it. And who they be?

LXIIII.

Whether your Parson or Vicar be resident vpon his Benefice, and keepe Hospitallitie, or no, and if he may dispend twentie pound or aboue by the yeere, and be not resident, whether doth he distribute the fortie part of that Benefice where he is not resident vpon the poore of the Parish.

LXV.

Whether the people of your Parish doe diligently resort to your Parish Church and Chappell on the

Holiedaies, and especially on the Sundaies to mor-
ning and Euening Prayer, and then there abide or-
derly, and soberly during the time of common Praier,
Homilies, Preachings, and other Seruice of God
there vsed, and who they be that offend heerein?

LXVI.

Whether there bee in your parish any Popish or
Sectuary recusant, which for any cause whatsoeuer
forbeare to come to Church to common Prayer, or to
heare Gods word preached, and what their name or
names are, and how long they haue beene recusants?

LXVII.

Whether the forfeiture of twelue pence for euery
absence from common Praier hath beene leuied and
taken, according to a Statute made in the first yeere
of the Raigne of late Queene Elizabeth, of euery per-
son that hath offended, and namely of Minstrels,
and others that vpon the Sundaies and Holidaies
goe to other parishes to Play or Daunce and to o-
ther vaine pastimes: And how hath the same for-
feitures beene bestowed?

LXVIII.

Whether be there any in your Parish, or resorting
thereunto which be suspected to be Malling Priests,
Reconcilers, Iesuits, Seminaries, or any other per-
sons which haue receiued any Orders or Authoritie
from the Romish Church and what be their names,
and who entertaine them?

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LXIX.

Whether there bee any that haue married two
N. wiues or two Husbands both liuing, or that liue
not together with their wiues, or that haue made
secret Contracts and liue as Man and wife which
haue beene secretly married out of the Parishes
where they dwell, and who they be?

LXX.

Whether any persons in your parish being diuorced
N. or seperated a sunder haue married againe, the former
diuorced husband or wife being not first dead, or haue
you in your Parish any married couples that liue not
together but slanderously liue apart?

LXXI.

Whether your Minister haue Churched any vn-
N. married woman that hath ben deliuered of a Childe
vnlawfully begotten, before she haue acknowledged
her fault openly according to the Order inioyned her
by the Ordinary or his Deputy?

LXXII.

Whether doe you euery yeere in Rogation weeke
walke the Preambulation of the Circuite of your X
A. Parish, and especially at such places in your said Cir-
cuite as are in any controuersie: And if this bee not
obserued in whom the fault resteth.

LXXIII.

Whether there be any married woman or others
within your parishes which after childbirth refuse or
N. contemne to come to Church to giue God thanks for
their deliuery according to the booke of cõmon prayer?

LXXIIII.

Whether there be any Inkeepers, Alewiues, Victuallers, or Tipplers, that suffer or doe admit any person or persons in their houses, to Eate, Drincke, or Play at Cardes, or any vnlawfull games, in the time of common Prayer, or Sermon on the Sundaies, or Holidaies: And who they be that suffer and admit them, and what they be that so are suffered and admitted?

LXXV.

Whether there are any shops kept open in the time of deuine Seruice or Sermons on Holidayes, but especially whether doe any sell any Wares on the Sabboth dayes, or Butchers, Bakers, and Brewers, sell Flesh, carry out Bread, or serue in Beare one the Sabboth dayes, and what be their names that so offend and violate the same daies?

LXXVI.

Whether if any Fayre fall on the Sabboth day there be any shewing of Wares at all that day, but especially before Seruice done in the forenoone of the same day?

LXXVII.

Whether there be any man or woman within your Parish, that vseth Witchcraft, Sorcery, or vnlawfull Prayers, Inuocations, Inchantments, or Charmes vpon any Christian body, or Beast, or any resorteth to any such for help, and who they bee?

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LXXVIII.

n. Whether any haue lately departed your Parish hauing left behinde them a scandall of some crime committed, or which by common fame are reputed to haue liued in Adulterie, Fornication, or Incontinencie while they were of your Parish, and who they bee, and where they now liue, and who harboureth them, or any other in your Parish that is suspected to haue liued incontinently?

LXXIX.

o. Whether any of late are come into your Parish from some other Parish or Parishes which by common fame are reputed and taken to haue liued in Adulterie, Fornication, or any other vncleannesse before they came into your said Parish?

LXXX.

p. Whether your Churchwardens of the last yeere haue sould any Church goods, and what they haue so sould, and how the same hath beene employed?

LXXXI.

q. Whether are there any within your Parish that haue suppressed the Wills of any dying within your Parish, or other places, that with-hold any Legacies giuen to the Poore, or from Orphants, or giuen to any godly vses, and who they be?

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LXXXII.

Whether doe the Ouerseers of your poore duely see that the Mony collected to the vse of your poore be well imployed where most neede is according to the lawes: And whether doe any refuse to pay their Selles to the vse of the poore?

LXXXIII.

Whether any notorious Recusant who obstinately refuseth to be partaker with the Church of England in Publike Prayer and hearing of the Word of God Preached, who is for his disobedience and contempt Excommunicate and dyeth Excommunicate, be buried in Christian Buriall not hauing before his death sought to be absolued?

LXXXIIII.

Whether there be any Enormities against these Articles or any part therof that haue not ben presented by you or the Churchwardens & Sidemen that haue beene before you, or which being heeretofore Presented haue not hitherto been called vpon and Corrected, and if there bee any such, you are now to Present the same?

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